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PANCHAYATI RAJ & D.W. DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 23rd July, 2025

Subject: - Grant of *ex-gratia* in favour of the PRI Members on death and disability while in office.

S.R.O. No. 556/2025 — After considering demands received from various associations of PRI Members as well as grievances received from next of kin (NoK) of the deceased PRI Members, the State Government have decided to provide financial support to the next of kin/ family members of all PRI Members of the State, who play an important role in execution and monitoring of various developmental works/ schemes at grass root level.

After consideration of the same, Government have been pleased to provide *ex-gratia* grant in favour of the **next of kin of PRI Members/ PRI Members (i.e. down from Ward members to Presidents, Zilla Parishads)** in case of death and disability, while in office at the following rates:

a. Death due to any reason of PRI Members- Rs. 2 Lakh to the NoK.
b. Irrecoverable loss of both eyes, hands or legs, while in duty- Rs. 2 Lakh to the concerned PRI Member.
c. Irrecoverable loss of sight of one eye, loss of one hand or leg, while in duty- Rs. 1 Lakh to the concerned PRI Member.

Procedure and Mode of Disbursement

i. In case of death of an PRI Member, District Panchayat Officer of the concerned District shall furnish a proposal to the concerned Collector with Death Certificate, Legal Heir Certificate issued by the Competent Authority in respect of the deceased PRI Member. The Collector after receipt of the proposal shall submit the same to the Director, Panchayati Raj, who shall

sanction the amount and disburse the same in favour of the spouse or one of the legal heirs or among the legal heirs proportionately, as deemed proper, on the basis of written objection/ representation from such legal heirs.

ii. In case of irrecoverable loss of both eyes, hands or legs, while in duty, the PRI Member or any of his/ her dependent family members, as the case may be, shall in writing, apply to the concerned District Panchayat Officer along with necessary Medical Certificate to avail the benefit. The Collector after receipt of the proposal from the concerned District Panchayat Officer shall refer the case to the concerned District Medical Board through the Chief District Medical Officer for authenticity of the Medical Certificate. Soon after authentication of the Medical Certificate, the Collector shall submit the said proposal along with authenticity report to the Director, Panchayati Raj. Subsequently, the Director, Panchayati Raj shall sanction the amount and disburse the same in favour the PRI Member.

iii. In case of irrecoverable loss of sight of one eye, loss of one hand or leg, while in duty, the procedure mentioned at Paragraph-(ii) above shall be followed.

iv. The above grant of ex-gratia for the eligible PRI members of the Zilla Parishads, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats shall be met out of the Head of Account- **17-2515-OTHER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES-00-102-Community Development-2445-Block Establishment-29014-Payment of *Ex-gratia* & Compensation-049-Other Revenue Expenditure.**

This shall come into force from the date of publication of the Resolution.

ORDER: Ordered that this Resolution be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette* and copies forwarded to all Departments of Government/ P.A.G (A&E), Odisha/ D.A.G, Odisha, Puri/ all Heads of Departments/ Registrar, High Court of Odisha.

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